



Minutes
Washington Fish & Wildlife Commission Meeting
March 20-21, 2015

March 20-21, 2015 Regular Meeting

Attendance

Commission:

Brad Smith, Chair
Larry Carpenter, Vice Chair
Jay Kehne
Bob Kehoe
Jay Holzmillner

Absent:

Connie Mahnken
Miranda Wecker

Commission Staff:

Tami Lininger

Department Staff:

Jim Unsworth, Director
Joe Stohr, Deputy Director
William Frymire, AGO
Rich Childers
Chris Donley
Mick Cope
Brian Calkins
Nate Pamplin
Don Kraege
Rich Harris
Jerry Nelson

Donny Martorello
Dave Ware
Captain Anderson
Sergeant Jewell
Kevin Robinette
Sara Hauser
Scott McCorquodale

Public:

Gary Douvia	John Magart	Dale Magart	Paul Nichols
Ann Nichols	BJ Thorniley	George Brady	Chuck Perry
Freddie Gianecchini	Al Martz	Vern Wimer	Lexi Anderson
John Andrews	RD Kent	Karen Skoog	Jim Craghead
Todd Johnston	Pam Douvia	Brad Harshman	Bill Madison
Matt Haggerty	Ric Shirrod	Gary Clune	Kim Thorburn
Jim Sutton	Jeff Hardesty	Randy Lothspeich	Brent Thiemer
Jerrold Gibbons	Matt Marsh	Shawn Cantrell	Al Rinaldi
David Bartrand	Earl Ramig	Marcu Leuck	Pedro Vargas
Adolfo Moreno Jr	Deigo Vargas	Chris McCarthy	Gerry Keptinci
Bob McCoy	Story Warren	Dave Warren	

Friday, March 20, 2105

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

1. Call to Order

a. Commissioners' Discussion:

Commissioner Carpenter attended the going away event for Phil Anderson.

b. Meeting Minute Approval

March 6, 2015 – conference call

Commissioner Carpenter moved, seconded by Commissioner Kehoe to approve the minutes from the March 6, 2015 conference call as presented. Motion passed.

2. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

- Freddie Giannecchini – cougar management
- Dale Magart – too many predators
- Gary Douvia – cougars, bears, baiting
- John Magart – baiting

3. Director's Report

The Director and staff provided an update on various items including:

- Grizzly Bears
- Hoof disease
- North of Falcon
- Wolf legislation
- Teanaway

4. Puget Sound Clam and Oyster Season - Briefing and Public Hearing

Rich Childers, Puget Sound Shellfish Manager, briefed the Commission on the proposed season changes for clam and oyster seasons on 20 Puget Sound public beaches.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

5. Fish Washington Inland Fish Program - Briefing

Chris Donley, Inland Fish Program Manager, briefed the Commission on the Fish Washington campaign as well as other Inland Fish Program activities.

6. Overview of the 2015 – 2017 Season Setting Process - Briefing

Mick Cope, Game Division Manager, provided the Commission with an overview of the process that was followed to create the 2015–17 three year hunting package.

7. Landowner Hunting Permits – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, briefed the Commission on a proposal to make adjustments to permit levels and hunt dates in accordance with landowner needs and recreational goals.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

8. Small Game and Hunting Restrictions – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed dates, bag limits and other rules for small game and other wildlife hunting.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

9. Trapping Seasons and Regulations – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed dates, bag limits and other rules for all furbearers.

The following people provided testimony:

George Brady

BJ Thorniley

10. Falconry and Dog Training Eurasian Collared Doves – Briefing and Public Hearing

Brian Calkins, Small Game/Hunting Access Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed changes to add the Eurasian Collard Dove the lists of other species that can be used for training purposes.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

11. Game Reserves and Other Migratory Bird Hunting Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Don Kraege, Waterfowl Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed updates and amendments to game reserves and other migratory bird hunting regulations.

The following person provided testimony:
George Brady

12. Mountain Goat, Bighorn Sheep, and Moose Permits and Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Rich Harris, Special Species Section Manager, briefed the Commission on recommendations regarding permit levels for mountain goats, bighorn sheep, and moose.

The following people provided testimony:
Freddie Giannecchini
Al Martz
Gary Douvia

13. Deer Areas, Elk Areas, Special Closures and Firearm Restriction Areas - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to deer and elk area descriptions and special closures and firearm restriction areas.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

14. Deer General Seasons and Special Permit Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, briefed the Commission on deer general seasons and definitions and special permit seasons.

The following people provided testimony:

BJ Thorniley	Dale Magart	John Magart
Al Martz	Gary Douvia	John Andrews
Freddie Giannecchini	Chuck Perry	Karen Skoog
Todd Johnston		

15. Elk General and Special Seasons and Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, provided a briefing on elk general seasons and definitions and special permits.

The following person provided testimony:
Todd Johnston

16. Game Management Unit Boundaries - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, provided a briefing on the proposed amendments to game management boundary descriptions in Region 1 and Region 5. No one signed up to provide testimony.

17. Importation and Retention of Dead Nonresident Wildlife - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, briefed the Commission on proposed amendments to importation and retention of dead nonresident wildlife.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

18. Hunter Orange Clothing Requirements - Briefing and Public Hearing

David Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager, briefed the Commission on the need for regulatory clarity to ensure Master Hunters wear fluorescent hunter orange clothing while hunting.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

19. Multiple Season Big Game Permits and Reduced Rate Combination Elk Hunting License - Briefing and Public Hearing

David Whipple, Hunter Education Division Manager, briefed the Commission on the master hunter incentive for elk hunting and an adjustment to the date and procedure for purchasing a multiple season big game permit.

No one signed up to provide testimony.

Chair Smith recessed the meeting at 4:23 p.m.

Saturday, March 21, 2015

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

20. Open Public Input

The following people provided input on various topics:

Jim Sutton – baiting
Matt Marsh – baiting
Shawn Cantrell – wolves
Brad Harshman – elk season

21. Equipment Requirements - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, provided a briefing on the proposed amendments to equipment requirements.

The following person provided testimony:

Jim Sutton

22. Baiting of Deer and Elk - Briefing and Public Hearing

Jerry Nelson, Deer and Elk Section Manager, provided a briefing on a proposal for baiting rules.

The following people provided testimony:

John Andrews	BJ Thorniley	Jeff Hardesty
Jim Sutton	Randy Lothspeich	Jerrod Gibbons
Matt Marsh	Brad Harshman	Matt Haggerty
Bill Madison	Ric Shirrod	Al Rinaldi
Marcus Leuck	Chris McCarthy	David Bartrand

23. Cougar Hunting Seasons and Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Donny Martorello, Carnivore Section Manager, provided a briefing on the cougar harvest and human-cougar conflict trends and described how the results are incorporated in the cougar management strategies. The Commission was also briefed on the proposed 2015–2016, 2016–2017 and 2017-2018 cougar hunting seasons and regulations.

The following person provided testimony:

Bob McCoy

24. Fall and Spring Black Bear Seasons and Regulations - Briefing and Public Hearing

Donny Martorello, Carnivore Section Manager, provided a briefing on the proposed amendments to 2015-2017 fall black bear hunting seasons and regulations and 2018 spring black bear seasons and regulations.

The following person provided testimony:

BJ Thorniley

Bob McCoy

25. Annual Wolf Management Report – Briefing

Dave Ware, Wolf Policy Lead, briefed the Commission on the wolf plan implementation for 2014.

26. Miscellaneous and Meeting Debrief

Commissioner Carpenter submitted two blue sheet requests, one on behalf of Commissioner Mahnken for presentations on:

- Fish Passage Technology – Whooshh Sytem
- NOAA/WDFW Review of Puget Sound Rockfish Recovery Plan

Chair Smith adjourned the meeting at 11:28 a.m.

These minutes plus the audio recordings constitute the full minutes.

Tami Lininger, Executive Assistant